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Czech Visits U. S., Blasts RFE

CAPITAL REPORT

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—George Brada, the young Czech who has been giving Radio Free Europe a thorough going-over on the scene in Munich, is a towering blond hulk of a man with a ruddy complexion and a bulldog jaw. He had been highly touted to me by my numerous correspondents in Germany and after spending a dinner evening with him, I find that he more than lives up to advance notices.

He is an incisive student and a persistent digger with an amazingly orderly mind, and he has spent virtually all of his adult life studying the techniques of Communist operation.

He has interviewed endless streams of refugees from behind the Iron Curtain in their own languages and he tells me that insofar as the high-powered editorials and profound discussions are concerned, Radio Free Europe might as well close up shop and save the electric bill.

The imprisoned populations behind the Curtain are hungry for news and as long as the broadcasts stick to the straight stuff, the public eats it up. When the great minds do their interpretation, however, that is another thing. It's the same stuff the listeners remember from the same people who sold them out to the Communists in 1948, just 10 years ago the 25th of this month.

The Peroutkas and Ripkas and Vaneks collaborated with the Reds from war's end to the day when the Russian puppets took over, then ran out on their people. Mr. Brada suggests that it is naive to suppose that there is anything but disdain in the minds of those who were left behind in slavery. He points out that some of them are so hated that they have taken assumed names in their broadcasting.

AND IT IS for this that the Crusade for Freedom is putting the bite on the top corporations of the country for contributions of as much as \$250,000 a year on the public for "Truth Dollars."

Mr. Brada shames me, a little, with his

knowledge of the American scene. He has just arrived here, for his first visit to this country, and his grasp of political and ideological affairs is profoundly impressive. He has been taking our Congressional Record regularly for the past two years and has read every issue from cover to cover. That in itself is a major achievement.

The accuracy with which he has rated the various leaders, in and out of Congress, and has catalogued them as to ideology, integrity and stature, is uncanny. And in this, remember that he has never had contact with more than a half dozen of them, whom he met while they were traveling in Europe.

Mr. Brada has made some rather merciless analyses of the actual broadcasting operations of Free Europe in Munich, and his evaluation of the propaganda line is what he calls "Crypto-Communist." His definition of the term is that it is propaganda by omission more than commission.

THE BROADCASTS studiously avoid any information of anti-Communist successes in the Western world, or any criticism or reflection against domestic Communists behind the curtain. Only the Russian brand of Communism is attacked and Gomulka in Poland is glorified as a great benefactor of the people. The fact that Poland under Gomulka is no better off than it was before, is soft-pedalled.

Mr. Brada has scripts and tape recordings, and documentation to substantiate his claims. They go back years, and they prove conclusively the points that Radio Free Europe and Crusade for Freedom seek to deny, without offering any evidence.

As I reported on January 27, it took a great deal of doing to get Mr. Brada a permit to enter this country; in fact, it took three cablegrams from the State Department to Consul General Edward Page, Jr., the pal of the RFE clique in Munich.

Once here, however, he promises to be a profitable fount of information. Also, of headaches for the Free Europe, Ivy League, Gang Buster kids and their plush jobs in New York.

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